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SUBJECT: ICFTU REPRESENTATIVE MAPARA IN DACCA

1. ICFTU SOUTHEAST ASIA REPRESENTATIVE GOBORDHAN MAPARA, AGE 65, DIED IN DACCA MAY 19. ACCORDING TO DACCA PRESS ACCOUNTS, DEATH FOLLOWED A STROKE. HIS BODY WAS TO BE FLOWN TO NEW DELHI TODAY AND THEN ONWARD TO HIS HOME IN WEST GERMANY.

2. NEALQNTIOA## STATED THAT ABDUR RAHMAN, PRESIDENT

OF THE JATIYO SRAMIK LEAGUE, ABDUL MANNAN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF JSL, AND SHEIKH FAZLUL HUQ MONI, PRESIDENT OF TEJGAON JSL, IN A JOINT STATEMENT EXPRESSED "DEEP SHOCK" AT DEATH OF MAPARA AND, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, EXTOLLED MAPARA'S ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION OF BANGLADESH BY THE ILO, AND FOR TRAINING OF WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY. MAPARA WAS ALSO PRAISED FOR HIS PERSONAL APPEAL TO ILO FOR ASSISTANCE TO WORKERS DURING LAST YEAR'S FLOODS IN BANGLADESH.

3. COMMENT: MAPARA WILL BE MISSED. HIS KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF BANGALEE LABOR MOVEMENT PROVIDED USEFUL INSIGHTS. HIS HANDLING ICFTU AFFAIRS IN BANGLADESH WAS MARKED BY A LOW-KEYED MANNER WHICH ENABLED HIM TO AVOID MANY PITFALLS.

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